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SUBJECT: LAPSE OF URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICE CONTRACTS

REF: (A) STATE 024409; (B) SEOUL 0785; (C) SEOUL 0713

1. KOREA ELECTRIC CO (KECO) VICE PRESIDENT KOH JOON-MYUNG STATES KECO WILL FOLLOW NUCLEAR ASSURANCE CORPORATION ADVICE, REFTEL B, AND ALLOW URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICE CONTRACTS AT(49-14)-UES/KO/102 AND AT(49-14)-UES/KO/103 TO LAPSE ON JANUARY 31, 1978.

2. HE APPRECIATED OFFER TO EXTEND AGREEMENT ADDITIONAL 30 DAYS, REFTEL A.

3. ABOVE CONTRACTS WERE ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO SUPPLY FUEL FOR NUCLEAR PLANTS NOS. 7 AND 8 WHICH ARE TO BE ORDERED
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DURING THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1978, REFTEL C. A TENTATIVE SITE, KEMA-RI ON THE WEST COAST, HAS BEEN SELECTED FOR PLANTS 7 AND 8. GIVEN IMPENDING PURCHASE OF THESE PLANTS, SCIATT POINTED OUT NEED FORPURCHASE OF ENRICHMENT SRVICES WITHIN APPROPRIATE TIME FRAME. KOH RESPONDED BY ASKING THAT HE BE KEPT FULLY INFORMED CONCERNING FORTHCOMING DOE ENRICHMENT CONTRACT CONDITIONS

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SO THAT FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING ENRICHMENT
SERVICES PROCEED SMOOTHLY.

4. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT EXPIRATION OF ABOVE CONTRACTS
ALLOWS OPEN FIELD FOR PLANTS 7 AND 8 BIDS WHICH COUPLE
SUPPLY OF BOTH REACTOR AND FUEL (INCLUDING ENRICHMENT
SERVICES) IN MANNER OF FRENCH (FRAMATOME) BIDDING
PREFERENCE. FRAMATOME'S TURNKEY BID FOR PLANTS 5 AND 6
(KO-RI UNITS 3 & 4) WAS ELIMINATED IN FAVOR OF US FIRMS
(AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PROVIDE NUCLEAR STEAM SUPPLY SYSTEMS
WILL GO TO WESTINGHOUSE OR COMBUSTION ENGINEERING).
FRAMATOME IS EXPECTED TO BE A MORE COMPETITIVE BIDDER
ON PLANTS 7 AND 8.
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